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NOTIFICATION

The 30th June, 2021

No. CMS.109/2021/9.- Pursuant to approval of the Hon'ble Cabinet in its meeting held on 8th June, 2021 the Governor of Assam is pleased to notify the Guidelines for implementation of the scheme "Chief Minister's COVID-19 Widows Support Scheme" under the Chief Minister's Secretariat, Govt. of Assam as below :-

CHIEF MINISTER'S COVID-19 WIDOWS SUPPORT SCHEME

1) Introduction :-

The Government of Assam has initiated a scheme to provide financial assistance to widows who have lost their husbands to COVID-19.

COVID has caused insurmountable misery to humankind. Many precious lives have been lost. Many people continue to suffer in hospitals. This has been the biggest human tragedy during our generation.

One of the biggest victims of COVID-19 are the families who have lost their husband/father who was the sole earning member of the family. Apart from the emotional trauma, the widows who have lost their husbands due to COVID-19, belong to low income families and do not have any means of earning, are facing acute financial distress. While the Govt. of Assam will continue to support such widows in becoming financially independent through various schemes of the State Government, in the

meantime, the Hon'ble Chief Minister proposes to grant a one-time lump sum financial assistance to such eligible widow from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund to mitigate their immediate financial hardship.

The scheme shall be implemented by the Chief Minister's Secretariat.

2) Objectives of "Chief Minister's COVID-19 Widows Support Scheme" :-

The objectives of the scheme are :-

- a) To provide social and financial security to COVID widows.
- b) To make survival of COVID widows easier by providing one-time financial support.
- c) To help COVID widows tide over immediate financial crises upon death of her spouse.

3) Scope of the scheme :-

The scheme will cover widows whose husbands died of COVID-19 in the First or Second waves as well as those who may die of COVID-19 in future, subject to eligibility criteria mentioned at Clause 5.

4) Benefits of the scheme :-

Under the "Chief Minister's COVID-19 Widows Support Scheme", a widow whose husband died of COVID-19 will be provided a one-time financial assistance of Rs. 2.50 lakhs, subject to eligibility criteria mentioned at Clause 5.

5(a) Eligibility criteria :-

The beneficiary should fulfill the following criteria :-

- i) The beneficiary should be a permanent resident of that district.
- ii) The beneficiary's husband must have died with COVID positive status at the time of his death as certified by the State level COVID Death Audit Board.
- iii) The beneficiary must belong to a low-income family having an annual income below Rs. 5.00 lakhs.
- iv) Beneficiaries of 'Orunudo' and 'Widow Pension' scheme or any other Government schemes are also eligible to get the benefit of this scheme.

5(b) Exclusion criteria :-

- i) Serving or retired Government employees or widows of serving or retired Government employees will not be eligible under the scheme.
- ii) The beneficiary must not have entered into marriage again after demise of her husband at the time of receipt of the one time aid.

5(c) Quantum of Assistance :-

The quantum of assistance under the scheme is a one-time Financial Assistance of Rs. 2.50 lakhs.

6) Documents required :-

- a) Certification by Deputy Commissioner that the beneficiary fulfills each of the eligibility criteria in the format given in Annexure-I.
- b) Bank details like Account No., Bank Name & branch, IFSC of the beneficiary.

7) Implementation :-

The Deputy Commissioner shall compile the list of eligible beneficiaries from the NHM database of COVID victims and verify whether the beneficiary is eligible for the financial assistance as per the eligibility criteria given above. The Deputy Commissioner after being satisfied with authenticity of the beneficiary shall upload the name and particulars of the beneficiary in the CM's portal <https://cmcovidsupport.assam.gov.in> with a certificate as stated in clause 6(a).

On receipt of the list of beneficiaries from the respective Deputy Commissioners, the Chief Minister's Office shall disburse a sum of Rs. 2.50 lakhs from Chief Minister's Relief Fund by DBT to the eligible beneficiaries after obtaining approval of the competent authority with intimation to the Deputy Commissioner concerned.

8) Grievance Redressal :-

Any person who is of the opinion that she is eligible for the benefit under the scheme but has not been included in the list of beneficiaries, can submit representation with supporting documents to the Deputy Commissioner concerned who will either accept or reject giving reasons, with intimation to applicant and Chief Minister's Secretariat.

SAMIR K. SINHA,

Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister,
Chief Minister's Secretariat.

ANNEXURE – I

Certificate under Chief Minister's COVID-19 Widows Support Scheme

Certified that Smti, widow of Late, resident of, fulfills the eligibility criteria prescribed in the guidelines for Chief Minister's COVID-19 Widows Support Scheme on the following grounds :-

- i) The beneficiary is a permanent resident ofdistrict of Assam
- ii) The beneficiary's husband has died with COVID positive status at the time of his death as certified by the State level COVID Death Audit Board.
- iii) The beneficiary belongs to a low-income family having an annual income below Rs. 5.00 lakhs.
- iv) The beneficiary has not entered into marriage again after demise of her husband till the time of receipt of the one time aid.
- v) The beneficiary is not a serving or retired Government employee or widow of serving or retired Government employee.

Deputy Commissioner